

TOPIC 7  
Differential  
Equations

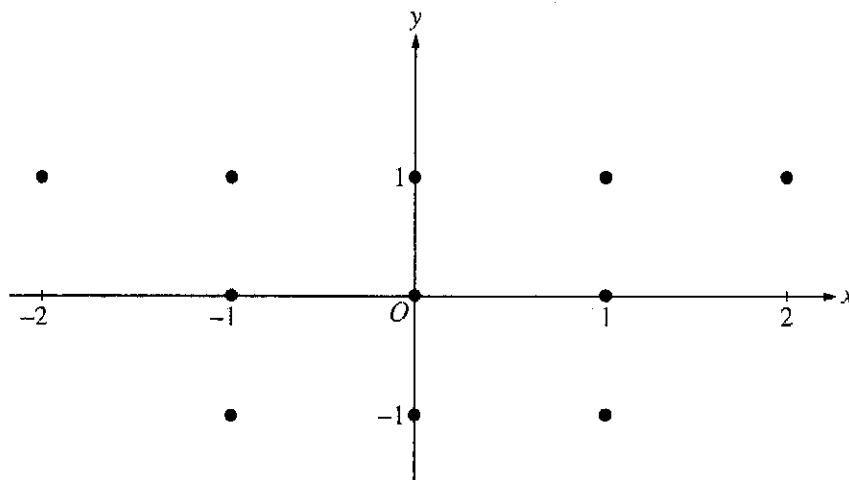
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## 2000 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

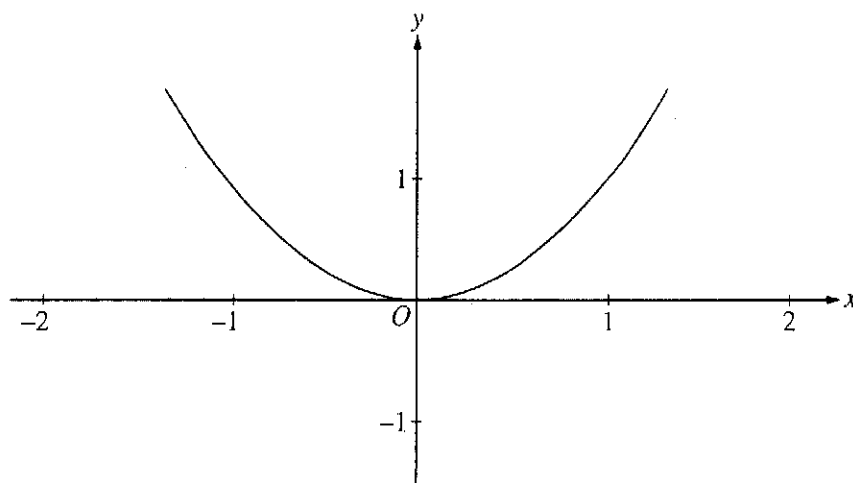
6. Consider the differential equation given by  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x(y - 1)^2$ .

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the eleven points indicated.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the pink test booklet.)



(b) Use the slope field for the given differential equation to explain why a solution could not have the graph shown below.



(c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = -1$ .

(d) Find the range of the solution found in part (c).

**END OF EXAMINATION**

# 2001 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

## CALCULUS BC SECTION II, Part B

Time—45 minutes  
Number of problems—3

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5. Let  $f$  be the function satisfying  $f'(x) = -3xf(x)$ , for all real numbers  $x$ , with  $f(1) = 4$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ .
- (a) Evaluate  $\int_1^{\infty} -3xf(x)dx$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (b) Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 1$  with a step size of 0.5, to approximate  $f(2)$ .
- (c) Write an expression for  $y = f(x)$  by solving the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3xy$  with the initial condition  $f(1) = 4$ .
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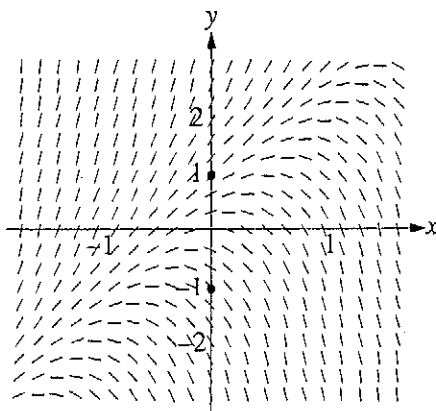
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## 2002 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y - 4x$ .

- (a) The slope field for the given differential equation is provided. Sketch the solution curve that passes through the point  $(0, 1)$  and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point  $(0, -1)$ .

(Note: Use the slope field provided in the pink test booklet.)



- (b) Let  $f$  be the function that satisfies the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = 1$ . Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 0$  with a step size of 0.1, to approximate  $f(0.2)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) Find the value of  $b$  for which  $y = 2x + b$  is a solution to the given differential equation. Justify your answer.
- (d) Let  $g$  be the function that satisfies the given differential equation with the initial condition  $g(0) = 0$ . Does the graph of  $g$  have a local extremum at the point  $(0, 0)$ ? If so, is the point a local maximum or a local minimum? Justify your answer.
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## 2003 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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6. The function  $f$  is defined by the power series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} + \cdots$$

for all real numbers  $x$ .

(a) Find  $f'(0)$  and  $f''(0)$ . Determine whether  $f$  has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at  $x = 0$ .  
Give a reason for your answer.

(b) Show that  $1 - \frac{1}{3!}$  approximates  $f(1)$  with error less than  $\frac{1}{100}$ .

(c) Show that  $y = f(x)$  is a solution to the differential equation  $xy' + y = \cos x$ .

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**2004 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

**CALCULUS BC  
SECTION II, Part B**

**Time—45 minutes**

**Number of problems—3**

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5. A population is modeled by a function  $P$  that satisfies the logistic differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{P}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{P}{12} \right).$$

- (a) If  $P(0) = 3$ , what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$ ?

If  $P(0) = 20$ , what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$ ?

- (b) If  $P(0) = 3$ , for what value of  $P$  is the population growing the fastest?

- (c) A different population is modeled by a function  $Y$  that satisfies the separable differential equation

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = \frac{Y}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{t}{12} \right).$$

Find  $Y(t)$  if  $Y(0) = 3$ .

- (d) For the function  $Y$  found in part (c), what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Y(t)$ ?
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**CALCULUS BC  
SECTION II, Part B**

**Time—45 minutes**

**Number of problems—3**

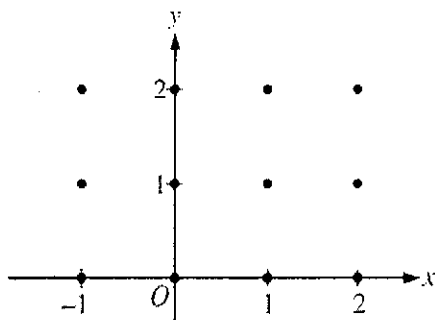
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4. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - y$ .

- (a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the twelve points indicated, and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point  $(0, 1)$ .

(Note: Use the axes provided in the pink test booklet.)



- (b) The solution curve that passes through the point  $(0, 1)$  has a local minimum at  $x = \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ . What is the  $y$ -coordinate of this local minimum?
- (c) Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = 1$ . Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 0$  with two steps of equal size, to approximate  $f(-0.4)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (d) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ . Determine whether the approximation found in part (c) is less than or greater than  $f(-0.4)$ . Explain your reasoning.
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**2006 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

5. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^2 - \frac{6}{y-2}$  for  $y \neq 2$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition  $f(-1) = -4$ .
- (a) Evaluate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  at  $(-1, -4)$ .
- (b) Is it possible for the  $x$ -axis to be tangent to the graph of  $f$  at some point? Explain why or why not.
- (c) Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = -1$ .
- (d) Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = -1$  with two steps of equal size, to approximate  $f(0)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.

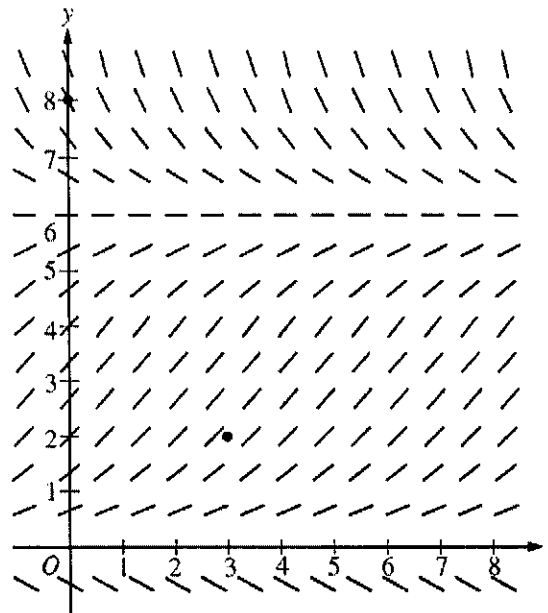


**2008 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

6. Consider the logistic differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{8}(6 - y)$ . Let  $y = f(t)$  be the particular solution to the differential equation with  $f(0) = 8$ .

- (a) A slope field for this differential equation is given below. Sketch possible solution curves through the points  $(3, 2)$  and  $(0, 8)$ .

(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)



- (b) Use Euler's method, starting at  $t = 0$  with two steps of equal size, to approximate  $f(1)$ .
- (c) Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $t = 0$ , and use it to approximate  $f(1)$ .
- (d) What is the range of  $f$  for  $t \geq 0$ ?

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5. The derivative of a function  $f$  is given by  $f'(x) = (x - 3)e^x$  for  $x > 0$ , and  $f(1) = 7$ .
- (a) The function  $f$  has a critical point at  $x = 3$ . At this point, does  $f$  have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither? Justify your answer.
  - (b) On what intervals, if any, is the graph of  $f$  both decreasing and concave up? Explain your reasoning.
  - (c) Find the value of  $f(3)$ .
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**2009 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

**CALCULUS BC**

**SECTION II, Part B**

**Time—45 minutes**

**Number of problems—3**

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4. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - x^2y$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be a particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition  $f(-1) = 2$ .
- (a) Use Euler's method with two steps of equal size, starting at  $x = -1$ , to approximate  $f(0)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (b) At the point  $(-1, 2)$ , the value of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is  $-12$ . Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = -1$ .
- (c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(-1) = 2$ .
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